(d) Although 'Police' and 'Public Order' are State subjects as per the Seventh Schedule to the Constitution of India, the Central Government has been advising the State Governments from time to time, to give more focussed attention to the improvement of administration of the criminal justice system and to take deterrent punitive and preventive measures.

Global Action against terrorism

1430. SHRI SURENDRA LATH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal to seek the assistance of other countries against terrorism;

(b) if so, the efforts made in that regard;

(c) the response from other countries for global action against terrorism; and

(d) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK): (a) and (b) As a victim of terrorism, particularly cross border terrorism, for two decades, India has repeatedly called on the international community to give high priority to the fight against terrorism. India has been supportive of all international efforts, particularly in the UN, to combat terrorism and is fully committed to implementing UN Security Council Resolution 1373, dated 28 September, 2001.

(c) and (d) Many countries are appreciative of India's perspective and sensitivity to our concerns.

Financial help to militants lodged in jails

1431. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned, "Pak money poured right into Tihar", as reported in Statesman dated the 8th February, 2003;

(b) if so, whether the separatist organisations active in the valley are providing financial help to militants lodged in Tihar Jail;

(c) if so, the facts and details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken to break nexus of militants lodged in jails with organisations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The investigation of the case referred to in the news-item has so far not revealed that the funds received were meant specifically to help the militants lodged in Central Jail, Tihar.

(d) The steps taken to prevent such a nexus in the Central Jail, Tihar include lodging of militants in high security wards; manning of these wards by special police; restriction on entry of outsiders into these wards; holding of interviews with militants under the personal supervision of Deputy Superintendent of Prisons; checking of articles received by them from friends and relatives; maintenance of interview register for recording the details of the visitors; and close liaison with intelligence agencies regarding the activities of these militants.

Registration of births and deaths in the country

1432. SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMED KHAN (DURRU): Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in many States, the figures of births and deaths are not properly registered which hinders the monitoring of the exact number of births and deaths in those States in order to determine the rise or fall in the sex ratio;

(b) if so, the details in this regard, indicating the names of those States which are lagging behind;

(c) whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to make registration of births and deaths compulsory in the country;

(d) if so, the details in this regard; and

(e) by when the necessary orders are likely to come into force?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK): (a) Yes, Sir.